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SUBJECT: EC PARTICIPATION AT SPOKANE EXPOSITION

REF: (A) STATE 099485; (B) PARIS 14063

1. A MISSION OFFICER ACCOMPANIED KING COLE, PRESIDENT
OF THE SPOKANE EXPOSITION, TO A MEETING WITH
JACOANGELI, CHIEF DE CABINET TO EC COMMISSIONER
SCARASCIA- MUGNOZZA, ON MAY 30. JACOANGELI EXPLAINED

(1) THAT THE COMMISSION BELIEVED THAT THE
EXPOSITION AND THE TOPIC WERE TIMELY AND IMPORTANT,
(2) THAT THE COMMISSION BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD
HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ORGANIZE A SUCCEESFUL EXHIBIT, (3)
THAT EIGHT OF THE MEMBER STATES THOUGHT THAT A COMMUNITY-
FINANCED, COMMISSION- ORGANIZED EXHIBIT WOULD BE THE
MOST SUCCESSFUL FORMULA FOR PARTICIPATION, BUT (4)
THAT THE FRENCH HAD PREVENTED IT. JACOANGELI WAS
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QUITE FORCEFUL IN SAYING THAT THE COMMISSION AND THE OTHER EIGHT MEMBER STATES FOUND THE FRENCH POSITION QUOTE INCONCEIVABLE UNQUOTE AND ASKED RHETORICALLY QUOTE WHY DO WE ALWAYS HAVE TO FOLLOW THE FRENCH LINE? UNQUOTE.

2. KING COLE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION AT SPOKANE AND ASKED IF SOME FORM OF COMMUNITY APPROVAL COULD BE GIVEN TO MEMBER STATE EXHIBITS IN A PAVILION OF EUROPE WHICH INCLUDED COMMUNITY COUNTRIES WISHING TO EXHIBIT AS WELL AS SOME NON- COMMUNITY COUNTRIES. JACOANGELI SAID THAT HE DID NOT THINK THE COMMISSION WAS IN A POSITION EITHER TO PREVENT OR ENCOURAGE MEMBER STATE PARTICIPATION IN AN ESSENTIALLY NON- COMMUNITY EVENT. IN ADDITION IT WOULD ADD CONFUSION FOR THE COMMUNITY TO RECOMMEND IN SOME WAY A PAVILION WHICH IT WAS NOT SPONSORING.

3. JACOANGELI SAID THAT THE FRENCH APPEAR INTRANSIGENT ABOUT ANY COMMUNITY- FINANCED COMMISSION- ORGANIZED EXHIBIT. ANY CHANGE IN THIS POSITION WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE AT THE VERY HIGHEST LEVEL. (COLE MENTIONED THAT IT MIGHT BE TAKEN UP IN REYKJAVIK BECAUSE SENATORS SCOTT, MAGNUSON AND JACKSON HAD SO REQUESTED AT A WHITE HOUSE MEETING.)

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